

23 January 1962

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL E. G. LANSDALE

PRESENT: General Lansdale
Mr. Amory
Mr. Helms
Mr. Abbot Smith
Mr. Montague
Mr. Tidwell

During the discussion the following major points emerged:

- a. General Lansdale was primarily concerned with a sentence in the opening paragraph of NIE 85-61 which he felt could be interpreted as expressing a judgment against the advisability of certain operational courses of action.
- b. It was explained to General Lansdale that the estimate applied to the internal situation in Cuba and did not include consideration of possible operations conducted by the U.S.
- c. General Lansdale wished the production of the currently scheduled estimate on Cuba to proceed as planned, but he would be willing to have it delayed a week or two, if necessary, to insure the best possible job..
- d. General Lansdale was asked if he would modify the language in his planning paper in the light of this discussion and he said that he would think about it.

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